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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 29 July 1954: 25X1

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises 25X1

1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 3th Guards Mechanized Division: Elements of the 21st Guards Mechanized Regiment, the engineer battalion, and the signal battalion were at their posts in Grimma prior to 19 July. The rocket-launcher battalion and motorcycle battalion of the division arrived at Koenigsbrueck on 13 and 15 July. Other rocket-launcher units of the army arrived there on 19 July.
- b. 9th Tank Division: The bulk of the division was stationed at its posts or at Camp Zeithain prior to 18 July. Ten tanks and six armored personnel carriers, probably belonging to the 23rd Tank Regiment, were loaded at the Roederau railroad station on 20 July.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 12th Guards Tank Division: Rocket launchers, 122-mm. field howitzers and 76-mm. field guns were shipped from Neuruppin to Forst Zinna on 20 July. Infantry and an armored group, composed of up to 12 tanks and 36 armored personnel carriers, were engaged in combat firing practice in the Neuglienicke sector of the Schweinrich troop training grounds in the period of 11 to 21 July. Seven JS and eight T-34 tanks fired with live ammunition at the Gentzrode garrison training grounds on 22 and 23 July.

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- b. 1st Mechanized Division: A shipment of 15 x 122-mm. field howitzers of the 273rd Guards Howitzer Regiment went from Justerbog to Doeberitz on 24 July. Thirteen tanks were shipped from Doeberitz to Forst Zinna on 22 July. One shipment with elements of the engineer battalion went from Doeberitz to Lieberose on 25 July.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. The army engineer regiment was still located at Schumke Lake on 18 July. 25X1
- b. 9th Mechanized Division: Armored details of the division located in the Beseler and Flak Kasernes in Wittenberg were shipped to Peitz prior to 15 July. Seventeen JSU-152's returned to the Flak Kaserne on 15 July. 25X1
- c. 6th Guards Tank Division: A tank detail of the 53rd Guards Tank Regiment was located in the south sector of Letzling Heath after 10 July. 25X1
- d. 7th Guards Tank Division: Thirty new armored personnel carriers which arrived in Haldensleben from the USSR on 17 July were unloaded by soldiers of the division.

4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 25th Tank Division: Elements of the tank training battalion from Prenzlau were observed at Templin between 18 and 22 July.
- b. 10th Guards Tank Division: Two shipments with 15 x 122-mm. howitzers, four rocket launchers, and two medium and ten light AT guns were dispatched from Satzkorn to Forst Zinna on 23 July.
- c. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: Elements of the division returned to Schoeneweide from Lieberose on 20 July.

5. Third Shock Army:

- a. 79th Rifle Corps: Motor vehicles and ten rocket launchers of the 399th Rocket Launcher Regiment were shipped from Stendal to Ludwigslust for combat firing practice in the "Die Lewitz" area on 17 July.
- b. 19th Guards Mechanized Division: Two shipments with 21 SP guns of the 153rd Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment went from Haldensleben to Dranse on 13 and 16 July.
- c. 18th Mechanized Division: A shipment with 10 T-34 tanks and motor vehicles of the 119th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment was dispatched to Dranse on 17 July.
- d. 94th Guards Rifle Division: Elements of the division with AT guns and mortars were loaded on two trains in Hagenow on 26 and 27 July for shipment toward Ludwigslust.

6. 8th Guards Army:

- a. One shipment with troops of the army signal unit went from Weimar toward Weissenfels on 21 July.
- b. 28th Guards Rifle Corps: Elements of the rocket-launcher regiment returned with nine mortars to Saalfeld on 23 July.
- c. 39th Guards Rifle Corps: The 27th Guards Signal Battalion, the AAA Regiment, and the artillery brigade of the corps were still at their posts at the end of July; the engineer battalion was still absent from Naumburg in late July.

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- d. 57th Guards Rifle Division: Major elements of the division were at the Kindel troop-training area until 9 July. One battalion was identified in Naumburg and two in Weissenfels on 23 July. The engineer battalion of the division was absent from its regular post in Naumburg.
- e. 21st Guards Mechanized Division: The division was identified in the Lossa area until 16 July.
- 7. Fourth Artillery Corps: A unit of the 6th Guards AAA Division with 12 light AA guns was unloaded at Koenigsbrueck on 15 July.
- 8. Army Troops of the GSFG: The 56th Motor Transport Regiment was confirmed at Kummersdorf on 21 July. The Seeckt Kaserne [ ] in Magdeburg was partially occupied on 19 July. Elements of the 36th Bridge Building Regiment were presumably engaged in flood-control work at the Elbe River. 25X1
- 9. Altengrabow Training Grounds:
  - a. Arrivals: Between 9 and 23 July, the following troop shipments arrived at Altengrabow: one shipment with additional elements of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade from Brandenburg; one shipment with the first elements of the 3rd Guards Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade to return from Rostock; one shipment with an unidentified unit from Guestrow; one shipment, presumably including light anti-aircraft guns of the 2nd Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division, from Ruedersdorf; one shipment with 14 tanks and self-propelled guns of the 1st Mechanized Division from Perleberg; one shipment with additional elements of the same division from Dranse; and one probable shipment with nine 85-mm anti-tank guns and 30 motor vehicles of the 4th Guards Artillery Brigade from Wismar via Wiesenburg.
  - b. Departures: Between 11 and 19 July, the following shipments left Altengrabow: three or four shipments, probably carrying units of the 25th Guards Rocket-Launcher Brigade, toward Rathenow; one shipment believed to carry the first elements of the 199th Light Artillery Brigade back to Jueterbog; and one unidentified shipment to Bernau, one to Fuerstenwalde, and two to Zehdenick.
- 10. Wustrow Training Grounds:
  - a. Arrivals: Between 15 and 18 July, the following shipments arrived: two shipments with elements with anti-aircraft artillery elements of the 9th Rifle Corps from Schwerin; two shipments with units of the 62nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division from Kochstedt; two shipments with elements of the 6th Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division from Chemnitz; and four shipments with the bulk of the 497th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment from Rudolstadt.
  - b. Departures: The following shipments departed from Wustrow between 7 and 16 July: four shipments with the bulk of the 498th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment returning to Naumburg and Kindel; and two shipments with anti-aircraft artillery units of the 18th Mechanized Division returning to Dranse.

## B. KVP Developments:

- 1. Training Activity: Between 16 and 19 July, units of the Prenzlau Division practiced heavy-weapons firing with live ammunition at Jaegerbrueck. A command-post exercise of the Prenzlau Division in the Pasewalk-Loecknitz-Eggesin area, lasting from 19 to 23 July, was followed between 25 and 30 July by a similar exercise held by the Eggesin Division. Most field-grade officers of both divisions attended this training, which included attack and defense at division level, the defense and crossing of small river sections, and the crossing of the Randow and Uecker Rivers. Between 15 and 23 July, the engineer regiment from Kietz, and presumably elements of the Mechanized Potsdam Division, took part in an intensive

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training program, including the use of tanks, artillery, and engineer equipment, in the area around and east of Kietz. The infantry school at Neumburg was absent from its post from 12 to 17 July. During that period, it engaged in field training with pontoons and pneumatic rafts, practicing either a crossing of the Saale River or flood control.

2. Weapons and Equipment: On 21 July, 18 T-34's were loaded at the Eggesin railroad station, to be delivered to the tank schools at Grossenhain and Erfurt. The Mechanized Division Eggesin reportedly will receive new tanks in exchange. On 10 July, three furniture vans which [ ] carried former Field Marshal Paulus' furniture arrived at the Strausberg station for further shipment to the Wilkendorf castle north of Strausberg.

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1. [ ] Comment: It is rumored that Paulus will reside at the Wilkendorf castle, where Lieutenant General Heinz Hoffmann has been staying since June.

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[ ] Comment: The summer training of Soviet troops has been marked by unusually intensive movements to special training areas for firing with live ammunition and specialized exercises by artillery, anti-aircraft, tank, and engineer units. Firing practices by tank and self-propelled gun battalions of the 4th Artillery Corps and several Armies continued at training grounds which were not visited during previous years. KVP units increased their training activity outside their posts.

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